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APPLICANT: Susan A. ALIE et al.

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*T. Le*FOR: TIW PLATINUM INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF MAKING
THE SAMEAssistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

*Please ENTER*RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116*T. Le
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In response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 23-25, 30, and 31 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-8, 23-26, 30, and 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai et al. (US-A-6,6,096,629) in view of Pyke (US-A-5,417,821). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), to claims 1-8, 23-26, 30, and 31, is respectfully traversed.